REMARKS

This application is a continuation of Applicants' Reissue Application No. 09/112,219 in which a Notice of Appeal has been filed. This application also corresponds to Reissue Application No. 09/614,073, which is also a continuation of the '219 application.

This Preliminary Amendment amends the specification exactly as in Applicants' '219 application. Claims 1-11 are now canceled. Claims 12-21 are newly added, with claims 12 and 16 being independent claims.

Independent claim 12 is to a method of manufacturing a vehicle part. Elements a and b of claim 12 are the same as elements a and b of claim 12 in the '219 application. Vehicles in general are described in column 1, lines 14-16. Specific examples are further described beginning at column 7, line 23.

Independent claim 16 is to a method of applying a fluorocarbon-based polymer coating film to an apparatus. A general description of the method is found at column 1, lines 10-12. Elements a and b of claim 16 are the same as elements a and b of claim 12 in the '219 application.

Applicants request early consideration of this Continuation Reissue Application.

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